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7.1.65.i Safety Issues Associated with the 4 O’Clock Blue Valve Box

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SAFETY ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 4 O'CLOCK BLUE VALVE BOX

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This document describes the safety issues associated with working on or inside the 4 o'clock blue valve box. It is not meant to cover the details of every job. A job specific work permit reviewed by appropriate personnel is still required to complete any work inside the valve box.

MECHANICAL SAFETY ISSUES

Component Details

The 4 o'clock blue valve box is part of the RHIC Cryogenic Distribution System. It is comprised of a vacuum tank that houses liquid pots, process piping, heat shield piping, temperature devices and liquid level probes. The following is detailed description of some of the major components, taken from *Cryogenic System, vii System Components manual.*

Inlet Recooler (liquid pots): The Inlet Recooler is a heat exchanger assembly located in a valve box. By means of this heat exchanger helium gas which is about to enter the, magnet string at one end (Dipole D0) of a sextant is cooled to a temperature close to the temperature of the boiling liquid helium bath provided on one side of the heat

exchanger.¹ **Process Piping and valves:** The (present) conceptual design envisions that all the piping for a ring will be carried in a common jacket with a heat shield. Pipes will be provided to carry the helium for the following: Magnet coolant, with power leads, Supply header, Return header, Utility header and Heat Shield.

This connecting piping also contains all the isolation and diverting valves required to meet the RHIC operating scenarios. Groups of these valves have been gather into a single valve box located between each pair of sextants.²

¹ Vii System Components, RHIC Design Manual, pg29

² Vii System Components, RHIC Design Manual, pg 33

Confined Space

The 4 o'clock valve box is considered a confined space. Any work inside the box must adhere to the confined space regulations described in the BNL SBMS.

Trapped Helium Volumes

The potential exists for trapped pockets of high pressure helium inside the valve box. Prior to penetrating the box, contact the cryo- control room at x3837 to verify no trapped helium volumes exist.

Pressurized Helium Sources

4 o'clock Bellow Valve box is part of the RHIC cryogenic system and has the potential to see pressurized Helium gas and Nitrogen gas sources. Following are a list of potential sources and the valves associated with isolating them (Reference drawing(s) 3A995084, 3A995083, 3A995063, 3A995082, 3A995085, 3A995065, 3A995086 AND 3A995108.

3A995084 4 o'clock Blue Ring P&ID

H4483M		
H4484M		
H4485M		
H4486M		
H4487M		
H4488M		
H4489M		Lead Flow Return to Warm Return Line
H4490M		
H4491M		
H4492M		
H4493M		
H4494M		
H4495M		
H4470M		"M" " Line Vacuum Manifold
H4475M		"M" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4471M		"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4476M		"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4472M		"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4477M		"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4473M		"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4478M		"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4474M		"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4479M		"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4412M		Block and Bleed
H4417M		Block and Bleed
H4418M		Block and Bleed
H4422M		Block and Bleed
H4428M		Block and Bleed

Note: Since the Blue and Yellow Ring have a common *Warm Return Manifold*, They share the same isolation valves, which are listed below for convenience. Since they are numerous magnet corrector thermister valves to list, check the valves in the particular sextant that needs isolation. Refer to the sextant P&ID 3A995083 SEXTANT 2/3 Sheets 1-8

3A995063 SEXTANT 2/3 Sheets 1-8

H6545A	Flow Manifold @ 3Q3 Yellow
H6546A	Flow Manifold @ 3Q6 Yellow
H6547A	Flow Manifold @ 3Q9 Yellow
H6548A	Flow Manifold @ 3Q11 Yellow
H6549A	Flow Manifold @ 3Q14 Yellow
H6550A	Flow Manifold @ 3Q16 Yellow
H6551A	Flow Manifold @ 3Q19 Yellow
H6552A	Flow Manifold @ 3D20 Yellow
H6553A	Flow Manifold @ 2Q19 Yellow
H6554A	Flow Manifold @ 2Q16Yellow
H6555A	Flow Manifold @ 2Q14 Yellow
H6556A	Flow Manifold @ 2Q11 Yellow
H6557A	Flow Manifold @ 2Q9 Yellow
H6558A	Flow Manifold @ 2Q6 Yellow
H6559A	Flow Manifold @ 2Q3 Yellow

3A995082 2o'clock Blue Ring P&ID

H4280M	
H4281M	
H4282M	
H4283M	
H4284M	
H4285M	Lead Flow Return to Warm Return Line
H4286M	
H4287M	
H4288M	
H4289M	
H4290M	
H4205M	"M" Line Isolation
H4218M	"S" Line Isolation
H4202A	"H" Line Isolation
H4203A	"U" Line Isolation
H4204A	"R" Line Isolation
H4267M	"M" " Line Vacuum Manifold
H4268M	"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4269M	"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4270M	"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4271M	"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4212M	Block and Bleed
H4217M	Block and Bleed

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3A995065 SEXTANT 4/5 Sheets 1-8

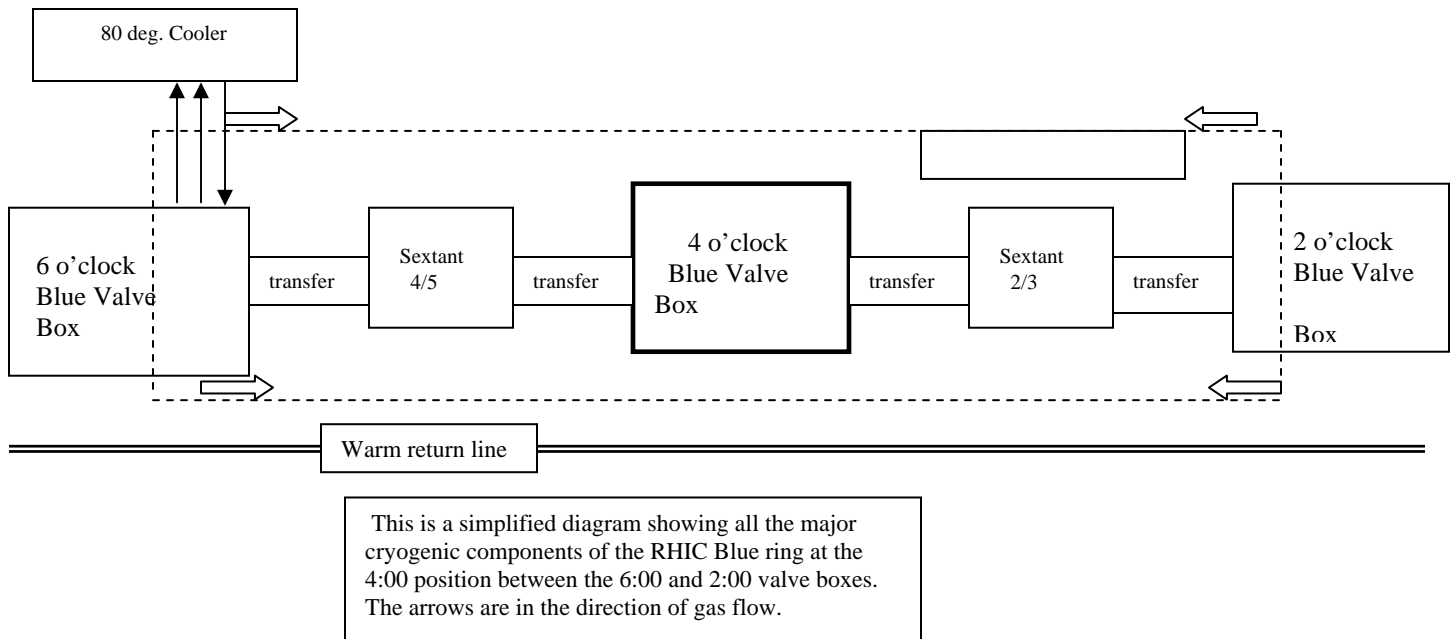
H5380A	Flow Manifold @ 5Q3 Yellow
H5381A	Flow Manifold @ 5Q6 Yellow
H5382A	Flow Manifold @ 5Q9 Yellow
H5383A	Flow Manifold @ 5Q11 Yellow
H5384A	Flow Manifold @ 5Q14 Yellow
H5385A	Flow Manifold @ 5Q16 Yellow
H5386A	Flow Manifold @ 5Q19 Yellow
H5387A	Flow Manifold @ 5D20 Yellow
H5388A	Flow Manifold @ 4Q19 Yellow
H5389A	Flow Manifold @ 4Q16Yellow
H5390A	Flow Manifold @ 4Q14 Yellow
H5391A	Flow Manifold @ 4Q11 Yellow
H5392A	Flow Manifold @ 4Q9 Yellow
H5393A	Flow Manifold @ 4Q6 Yellow
H5394A	Flow Manifold @ 4Q3 Yellow

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H6733M	"M" Line Isolation
H4501A	"S" Line Isolation
H4515A	"S" Line Isolation
H4502A	"H" Line Isolation
H4645A	"H" Line Isolation
H4508A	"U" Line Isolation
H4537A	"U" Line Isolation
H4503A	"U" Line Isolation
H4504A	"R" Line Isolation
H4536A	"R" Line Isolation
H4651M	"M" " Line Vacuum Manifold
H4652M	"S" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4653M	"H" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4654M	"U" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4655M	"R" Line Vacuum Manifold
H4542M	Block and Bleed
H4522M	Block and Bleed

3A995108 80Degree Cooler Integration

H9374A	Supply to Rings
H9359A	“M” Line Supply
H9354A	“H” Line Return



1.Vacuum Systems

The only possible operations and environmental issues associated with the vacuum system are locking out the turbo vacuum pumps that are used to establish insulating vacuum. Details are in the electrical safety section. Before entering the valve box contact the C-AD vacuum group for assistance in isolating the vacuum system and introducing Air/Nitrogen into the valve box. The main isolation valve for the valve box is VA.4402A

2.Pneumatic Systems

Valves located on the top of the valve box are supplied with compressed air at approximately 100 psig. Air to valves can be isolated via manifolds located at the valve box. Reference drawing 3A995100. Exercise extreme caution when working on top of the valve box, not to damage the plastic tubing that feeds the air to the valves.

3.Tube Trailers

Occasionally helium tube trailers are used to pressurize cryo process lines. These penetrations can be at various locations inside the valve box and may bypass locked out valves. Any person entering the valve box should inspect the area for a tube trailer connection and check with the cryo control (x3837) room to make sure there are no trailer hazards.

If trailers are stationed at other locations in the Ring, the potential exists for Gas to reach the 4 o'clock blue valve box via cryogenic process lines (Magnet, Heat shield, Utility, Supply and Return). Check with the cryogenic control room to determine if trailers are stationed at other locations in the ring and to insure local LOTO is in place in the area where the trailer connects to the cryo system The LOTO list should be covered in the job specific work permit.

Piping arrangement.

External

Extreme caution should be exercised when working on or around the valve box , a review of the work plan should be done prior to working on the valve box.

There are numerous hazardous conditions associated with the piping arrangement. For example low hanging piping can cause head injuries. Also work that is outside of the "railed" platform shall not be attempted by "climbing" over the rail.

Internal

A detailed plan should be in place before working inside the valve box , the following is a list of hazards inside the valve box.

- ❖ The valve box is shaped like a cylindrical tank with no floor built into it, this makes it difficult to move around.
- ❖ The piping arrangement is close together and is covered in MLI.
- ❖ Care should be taken not to damage small instrument tubing.
- ❖ Sharp edges from brackets are a hazard.
- ❖ If there is any welding and cutting involved in working inside the valve box a CONFINED SPACE PERMIT is required.

Figures 1-5 below are some of the external views of the 4 o'clock Blue Valve Box.

Fig. 1 A partial view of the 4 o'clock process valves.



Fig. 2 Another partial view of the process valves.



Fig. 3 A partial view of some of the external piping, some piping can cause head injuries because of their location.

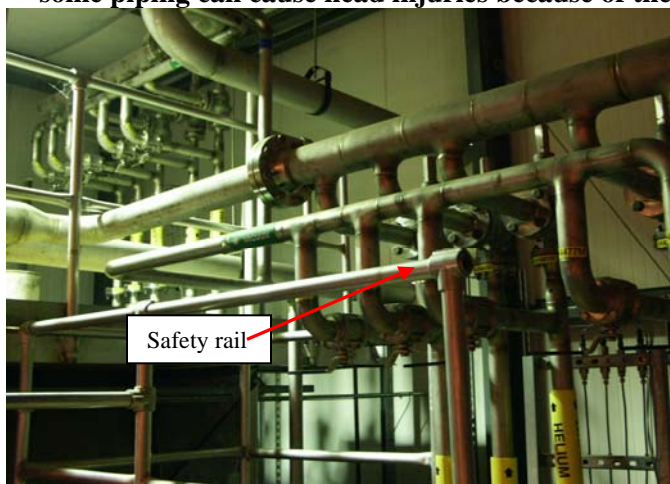


Fig. 4 Posted at the entrance of each valve box building is a caution sign stating the ODH hazard level. Contact information card



Electrical Safety Issues

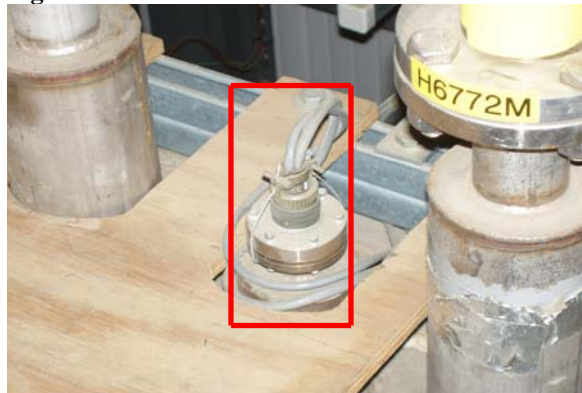
- 1) In conjunction with the accident in Cold-box 3 (RHIC 25 Kw refrigerator) in which a technician burned his hand on a heater, we investigated the potential for a similar event in the blue valve box in service building 4. Careful inspection of the valve box indicates no lethal voltage potentials and no installed heaters internal to the valve box. There are no feed-through(s) externally that contain high voltages that would pass into the cold-box. The only feed-through(s) (cables labeled 4BA, 4BB and 4BC) that exist are for low-level instrumentation (temperature sensors).

See the photos below for details of the connectors.

Fig. 5 Cables for low-level instrumentation



Fig. 6 Cables for low-level instrumentation



2. Gauges and controllers for insulating vacuum are located at various locations on the valve box. They are all external of the valve box and do not enter the valve box with any high voltage.

Fig.7 Vacuum gauge and cable.



3. Each valve box has an associated slide valve as shown in the photo below. There is 120 Volts ac present at this slide valve. A fan is also present so caution should be taken due to the rotating blade.

Fig. 8 Turbo-pump for valve box insulating vacuum.



Supporting Documents:

3A995084 4o'clock Blue Ring P&ID

3A995063 SEXTANT (blue) 2/3 Sheets 1-8

3A995083 SEXTANT (yellow) 2/3 Sheets 1-8

3A995082 2o'clock Blue Ring P&ID

3A995085 SEXTANT (blue) 4/5 Sheets 1-8

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